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## Pulse of Wabash

### To our readers

Due to a power outage at our page design center on Monday, we were unable to produce a print edition for Tuesday. The Tuesday edition is being delivered today. We apologize for the inconvenience.

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Do you have a passion for writing, photography and local sports? The Wabash Plain Dealer is now accepting applications for paid stringers for the upcoming fall sports season. To apply, email your writing and photography clips, cover letter, resume and list of references to [rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com](mailto:rburgess@wabashplaindealer.com).

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### Salamonie preschool program set for Wednesday

The next Salamonie Preschool program, "Wildlife and Water," is set to last from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12 at the Salamonie Interpretive Center in Lost Bridge West State Recreation Area, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. The program fee is \$2 per child, and is available to children ages 2 to 5. Advance registration is required.

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## Manchester University announces reopening plan

Classes are scheduled to begin Sept. 2 at the North Manchester campus

By ANNE GREGORY

Manchester University is finalizing plans to reopen the North Manchester campus.

"Our priorities include the health of our students and colleagues, providing students with an exceptional learning experience, and being good neighbors as we advance our mission of educating Manchester students," said President Dave McFadden. "As

McFADDEN

As a major employer in the area, and one that significantly increases the number of people living in North Manchester during the academic year, we want to assure the community that we are planning carefully and thoughtfully in these uncertain times."

Classes are scheduled to begin Sept. 2 at the North Manchester campus. The big move-in day tradition is replaced this year with scheduled check-in times over several days in August.

Since spring, MU's Reopen Work Group, which includes health science professionals, has been identifying and refining ways to bring students back to campus after last spring's hasty exit and move to remote learning that was forced by COVID-19.



Members of the Student Life Team are getting ready to welcome students back to campus, including (from left) Maegan Pollonais, assistant director of student diversity and inclusion, and Schwalm Hall director; and Samantha Alley, director of student involvement and leadership development.

Representatives of Parkview Health provided additional expert advice, including walk-throughs with the workgroup to determine best practices for each building.

"In decisions related to COVID-19 pandemic, we are following guidelines provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Indiana State Department of Health, as well as advice from local health experts," said Abby Van Vlerah, vice president of Student Life, who leads the workgroup.

Students are required to sign the Spartans United Pledge, which includes educating themselves about and following health safety regula-

tions, including requirements and guidelines about the campus and community.

"They agree to check daily for symptoms and abide by protocols set by businesses and other organizations to help mitigate the transmission of COVID-19 on campus and in our communities," she said.

There is no one-size-fits-all solution for academics, so students can expect to see a combination of online-only instruction and in-person labs and classes that maintain social distancing.

"We are so thankful to the North

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## North Manchester Center for History requests \$10K

Town Council will take up the item at a future board meeting

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Before the North Manchester Town Council's monthly meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 5, Nancy Alspaugh, vice president of the North Manchester Historical Society, submitted a written request for their annual funding of \$10,000.

Adam Penrod, town manager, said because no one was able to be physically present to submit the request at the meeting, the item would be taken up again at a

later council meeting.

In Alspaugh's request, dated Monday, July 13, she stated that the past 20 years they had "become a destination site for tourists, a catalyst in the community for the preservation and rehabilitation of eight private residence s and had a major economic impact on North Manchester's central business district with an investment of over \$200,000 in our building."

"Our building represents three storefronts on Main Street that is the equivalent of one half of a city block. During this time we also received one of the highest accolades bestowed by the Indiana Historical Society,

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## White's to celebrate Campus Rose Academy groundbreaking

Celebration set for 10 a.m. Wednesday

By ROB BURGESS

Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

A groundbreaking ceremony has been planned for 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 12 at the construction site of 5233 S. 50 East to celebrate the construction of the new Compass Rose Academy campus at White's Residential and Family Services, according to Sarah Goodman, marketing coordinator at Michael Kinder & Sons, the firm leading the construction.

Denae Green, admissions director at the Compass Rose Academy, said the estimated completion date for the first phase of the project is summer 2021. Green said the approximate cost of the project is \$8 million. Green said

\$4 million of that has come from the self-investment by the White's board, and the other half is being raised through the White's "A Place to Grow" campaign.

"In 2012, White's expanded its range of services by launching a parent choice therapeutic residential program for families in crisis. The need for these therapeutic services continued to grow exponentially, leading to the creation of Compass Rose Academy, a program where parents could directly access these critical services. Compass Rose Academy has been incorporated as a unique division of White's due to the increasing need for therapeutic residential services, for teen girls specifically. With this rising demand, White's decided it was time to expand their footprint for Compass Rose Academy, offering an entirely autonomous campus for its residents," said Goodman. "After construction, the Compass Rose Academy campus will include new homes that will increase residential capacity from 20 to 60 once the entire project is complete. There will be a new staff housing building to accommodate the necessary additional staff members. Finally, a multi-purpose building will be built to contain a nurse's clinic, administrative offices, and educational and therapy spaces to support each of the specialty programs utilized within Compass Rose. The new campus will sit on the south end of land owned by White's but will have its entrance and signage."

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The Spartan spirit rock on East Street has a new coat of paint and offers a welcoming message to students as they start returning to campus over the next few weeks.



Provided photos

Rather than one big move-in day, Manchester is asking students to schedule when they will bring their things to campus. Move-in days will start Friday. Most will go home afterward and wait to return until right before classes begin.

## SCHOOL

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Manchester Parks & Recreation Department for allowing us to use some of its picnic tables this fall. It will allow us to take some classes and activities outside while the weather is still good," said Alexis Young, assistant vice president for facilities and services. "We are working on other collaborations

we hope will be a benefit to all."

Community members may email questions or suggestions to [health@manchester.com](mailto:health@manchester.com).

Van Vlerah sent a high-level overview of the reopening plan to students on Aug. 3. Her office has been hosting Zoom meetings with students to let them know what to expect and answer questions.

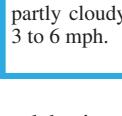
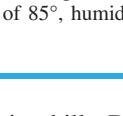
"This year at Manchester will look like no other, but

we are eager for it to begin," McFadden said. "Having our students back on both campuses brings energy and vitality that we have sorely missed these past few months."

Individual programs at the Fort Wayne campus have their start dates. It is not a residential campus.

*Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.*

### 5-Day Weather Summary

 Wednesday Partly Cloudy 84 / 63	 Thursday Partly Cloudy 85 / 65	 Friday Chance T-storms 84 / 67	 Saturday Isolated T-storms 85 / 66	 Sunday Scattered T-storms 81 / 61
<b>Sun and Moon</b>				
Today's sunset ..... 8:49 p.m. Tomorrow's sunrise ..... 6:56 a.m.				
 New 8/18	 First 8/25	 Full 9/2	 Last 9/10	
<b>Detailed Local Outlook</b>				
Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 84°, humidity of 50%. Northeast wind 1 to 6 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 63°. East northeast wind 2 to 5 mph. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy, high of 85°, humidity of 57%. East wind 3 to 6 mph.				

## TRIAL

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Flowers presided over Dibiah's initial hearing, during which he was sworn and had charges read to him. He was appointed indigent counsel, Brian Lamar, at county expense. Flowers also granted a no-contact order.

On Thursday, Aug. 6, the state gave notice of discovery compliance.

In addition to the jury trial date, Dibiah's pretrial conference has been scheduled before Flowers on Thursday, Nov. 5

### History of the case

On Monday, July 20, Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD) Child Abuse and Homicide detectives arrested Dibiah in his involvement in the disappearance and death of his Kelly.

According to a probable cause affidavit, police say Dibiah made two calls, one on Saturday, July 18 and another on Sunday, July 19 in which he said he had killed his son.

At 10:11 p.m. Saturday, July 18, IMPD was dispatched to the apartment to perform a welfare check. A 2017 white Jeep Patriot was in the parking lot registered to Dibiah. Officers knocked on the door, but there was no answer. The officers heard someone inside, but didn't have reason to force entry. So, they left.

Later, the Jeep was no longer in the parking lot, and police, now having obtained a probable cause warrant, received a key from the apartment complex. They opened and entered. There was no one inside, but they did locate blood splatter, blood

smears and brain matter in the apartment bathroom. They also discovered blood in the entryway. The search warrant revealed blood splatters on the bathroom walls, mirror, vanity, floor ceiling and closet door, and on the bedroom wall. There were two pieces of brain matter on the bathroom floor, along with black, curly hair, which was also found on a broom in the kitchen.

AT&T said the Dibiah's cellphone was traveling west through Illinois to Missouri. At around 4 p.m. Sunday, July 19, the Jeep was located near Highway 38 headed westbound by Highway Patrolman Jake Halley. Nakota was not in the vehicle. Dibiah was transported to the Macon County Jail in Macon, Missouri.

Authorities had recently received a complaint from Nakota's mother before the incident. The mother said Nakota was told he would be at his father's house that weekend. He said, "Oh, I'm dead. Don't expect me to come home." She asked what he meant by that. He said, "My dad is going to kill me." Nakota said his father was angry that he had hung up the phone because he didn't want to speak to him.

On Sunday, July 19, the mother contacted their caseworker and said the father sent a text to her saying,

"Sometimes I hear voices. My son is in Heaven."

The initial 911 caller, who lives in Houston, Texas, said he had not spoken to Anthony in 20 years but had reconnected with him a month before the incident. Dibiah said he had experienced custody issues with his son, was fired from his job and had asked for money to help pay

bills. Dibiah called the night of the incident, crying and screaming that he had killed his son. The caller said Dibiah said his son's mother had given him a hard time and cost him money.

On Monday, July 20, IMPD officers met with Dibiah at the Macon County Jail, where he declined to make a statement. Officers found multiple bloodstains in the hatchback of the Jeep.

Video surveillance later showed the Jeep leaving at 2:27 a.m. and returning at 3:15 a.m. Sunday, July 19.

It left again at 4:20 a.m. and returned at 4:47 a.m. It left again at 6:22 a.m. and returned at 7:44 a.m.

At 8:30 a.m., the hatchback was opened by a male, who took three trips from inside and back. The male placed a bag in the community dumpster on the second trip.

IMPD Sgt. Mark Hess said Dibiah's cellphone had pinged twice in the 4500 block of West Vermont Avenue, in a wooded area near Eagle Creek. IMPD officers are actively searching for Nakota's remains.

The IMPD asks that anyone with information please contact Crime Stoppers of Central Indiana at 317-262-8477 or (TIPS). Citizens can also download the mobile P3tips app for Apple or Android phones to submit a mobile tip, or go to [www.CrimeTips.org](http://www.CrimeTips.org) to submit a web tip. Callers will remain anonymous and may be eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000 if the information leads to a felony arrest.

Only tips submitted directly and anonymously to Crime Stoppers are eligible for these cash rewards.

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This story will be updated as more information becomes available.

## WIND

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instances where we had survey teams out looking at whether a tornado occurred in a couple of spots in Elkhart and Kosciusko counties."

Marsili said the storms were classified as a derecho. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration (NOAA) a derecho "is a widespread, long-lived wind storm. Derechos are associated with bands of rapidly moving

showers or thunderstorms variously known as bow echoes, squall lines or quasi-linear convective systems."

"The complex of storms really got initiated over southeast South Dakota and eastern Nebraska and then

it strengthened over western Iowa and was sustained into northern Indiana," said Marsili.

Marsili said looking ahead to the rest of the week, the forecast looked fairly calm for the area outside of some thunderstorm changes late Friday.

"But, it doesn't look like anything severe at this point," said Marsili.

## REQUEST

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we were named Museum of the Year in 2013," said Alspaugh.

Alspaugh said the Center for History was also "extremely active and busy" with monthly programs that are open to the public.

"Even during COVID, we have been able to present

these remotely to the community. This summer saw the start of our first weekly

programs for children ages 5 to 12, which has been very exciting for us. We also

opened our first-ever visiting

exhibit from the Smithsonian Institute, 'Crossroads: Change in Rural America,'

said Alspaugh.

"In a very significant way,

we have and will continue

to contribute to the quality

of life in our community and Wabash County."

Alspaugh said their usual request of \$10,000 in annual support would help them "maintain a stable operating fund which we continue to grow and become an even greater asset to our community and the surrounding areas."

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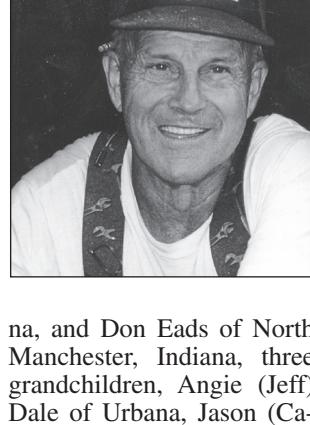
### Larry A. Eads

July 23, 1937 - Aug. 7, 2020

Larry A. Eads, 83, of rural Urbana, Indiana, died at 7:05 p.m., Friday, August 7, 2020 at his home. He was born on Friday, July 23, 1937 in Wabash County, Indiana, to John William "W.B." and Bonita Flory (Altman) Eads.

Larry was a graduate of Urbana High School. He married Doris Jean Gardner in Wabash County on January 1, 1958; she died April 8, 2014. He was a self employed contractor and a member of the Liberty Mills United Methodist Church. Larry was a jokester, and enjoyed going to auctions and garage sales, hunting, listening to polka music, playing cards, and tinkering around. He especially enjoyed his family and his community.

He is survived by two sons, Dan (Brenda) Eads of Urbana,



Griggsville, and Lily and Zoey Griffey of Roann, sister FloyAnn Frey of Columbia City, Indiana and brother John Allen Eads of Serville, Indiana. He was also preceded in death by his parents, and a brother Porter Eads.

Funeral services will be private at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Rev. Larry Ray officiating. Entombment will be in Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum, Wabash. Friends may call 3-7 p.m. Tuesday, at the funeral home.

Preferred memorial is Larry's great-grandson, Coy Eads Medical Fund.

The memorial guest book for Larry may be signed at [www.grandstaff-hentgen.com](http://www.grandstaff-hentgen.com).

Mary Stair, 89, formerly of LaFontaine, Indiana, passed peacefully from this life on August 8, 2020 at Ossian Health & Rehab in Ossian, Indiana, after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

Mary was born to Guy and Olive (Sites) McCray on December 8, 1930 in Cissna Park, Illinois. She was a 1948 graduate of LaFontaine High School where she played trombone, and graduated from beauty college.

She married Darrell Stair on June 29, 1952 in LaFontaine. He passed away March 9, 1989. Mary was a homemaker, living for 53 years in the house that Darrell and many family members built. The onset of Alzheimer's forced her to move to Kingston Residence, Fort Wayne, in 2013 and then Ossian Health & Rehab in 2016. She was a member of the LaFontaine United Methodist Church and delivered Meals on Wheels for several years.

Mary was known for her cooking, particularly her applesauce and Cherry Delight, as well as lots of cookies. She baked and decorated birthday cakes for her children, grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She took care of her husband for the last three years of his life while he was bedfast at home. While she was still able to



drive, Mary could usually be found at Wabash Donuts or Circle K in LaFontaine, eating apple fritters, caramel donuts and drinking her English Toffee Cappuccino. She enjoyed outings with her 48 graduate friends.

Mary took many bus trips around the United States and Canada, as well as cruises, including the Panama Canal. She took great pride in her long-painted fingernails, especially while living at Kingston.

Mary leaves behind a daughter, Cheryl (Phil) Gillespie, of Fort Wayne, and a son, Steve (Jeannie) Stair, of LaFontaine; four grandchildren, Rachel Parteko, of Ossian, Andy Gillespie, of Fort Wayne, Brittany Stair, of LaFontaine and Colby Stair, of Fort Wayne and one great-grandson, Austin Parteko, of Ossian.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Darrell; two daughters, Debra in 1954 and Linda in 1972; her parents, two sisters, Amanda Ennen and Ilene Morford, and three brothers, Joe, Guy and Walter McCray.

The family would like to thank the staff of Kingston Residence and Ossian Healthcare for the care and love they showed her, with special thanks to Rachel Selle and Jair Cabanas.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2020 at McDonald Funeral Home, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 South Main Street, LaFontaine, Indiana 46940, with calling one hour prior to the service starting at 9 a.m. Pastor Susan Shambough will be the officiant. Burial will follow at Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Marion.

Visitation for friends and family will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday, August 14, 2020 at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the LaFontaine United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 57, LaFontaine, Indiana 46940 or to the Wabash County Animal Shelter, 810 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, Indiana 46992.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com)

### Colleen M. Hannaford

Nov. 19, 1927 - Aug. 7, 2020

Colleen M. Hannaford, 92, quietly passed away in her home in Muncie on Aug. 7, 2020.

She was born November 19, 1927 in Muncie. Colleen went to nurses training at Earlham College, and got her teaching degree in history and sociology from Ball State University.

She will be missed by her daughter Ellen (Bill Stouffer) of Wabash. Her

daughter Deborah Curts preceded her in death. Son-in-law, Fred Curtis survives. Colleen was especially close to her granddaughter, Whitney (Nick) Poling and her great grandchildren, Deborah Faith, Eli Adam, Ellie Joy, Elliott Christopher, and Evelyn Grace, all of Union City.

Due to COVID-19, a celebration of life will be delayed.

Memorial contributions may be directed to The John and Colleen Hannaford Scholarship Fund, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana or The Wabash Woman's Clubhouse, Wabash, Ind.

The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel is in charge of arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.meeksmortuary.com](http://www.meeksmortuary.com).

### Delilah Christine Hubbard

Nov. 19, 1927 - Aug. 7, 2020

Delilah Christine Hubbard, infant daughter of Richard and Nichole (Hampton) Hubbard, Jr., passed away at 4:38 a.m. on Saturday, August 8, 2020.

Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Funeral services will at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 13, 2020 at McDonald Funeral Home, 231 Falls Avenue, Wabash, Indiana.

Visitation will be one hour

### Susan C. Siders

Nov. 14, 1950 - Aug. 7, 2020

Susan C. Siders, 69, of LaFontaine, passed away at 8:20 a.m. on Friday, August 7, 2020 at Parkview Randallia Hospital in Fort Wayne. She was born on Nov. 14, 1950 in Marion, Indiana.

Memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 15 at McDonald Funeral Home, LaFontaine Chapel, 104 South Main Street, LaFontaine, IN 46940 with Keri Ann Whitmer officiating.

Calling hours for family and friends will be from 2 to 4 p.m., on Saturday, August 15, 2020, at the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.mcdonaldfunerals.com](http://www.mcdonaldfunerals.com)

## Biden picks Kamala Harris as running mate, first Black woman

By KATHLEEN RONAYNE and WILL WEISSERT

Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Del. — Joe Biden named California Sen. Kamala Harris as his running mate on Tuesday, making history by selecting the first Black woman to compete on a major party's presidential ticket and acknowledging the vital role Black voters will play in his

bid to beat President Trump.

In choosing Harris, Biden is embracing a former rival from the Democratic primary who is familiar with the unique rigor of a national campaign.

The 55-year-old first-term senator, who is also of South Asian descent, is one of the party's most prominent figures. She quickly became a top contender for the No. 2 spot after her own White House

campaign ended.

She will appear with Biden for the first time as his running mate at an event Wednesday near his home in Wilmington, Delaware.

In announcing the pick, Biden called Harris a "fearless fighter for the little guy, and one of the country's finest public servants." She said Biden would "unify the American people" and "build an America that lives

up to our ideals."

Harris joins Biden at a moment of unprecedented national crisis. The coronavirus pandemic has claimed the lives of more than 160,000 people in the U.S., far more than the toll experienced in other countries. Business closures and disruptions resulting from the pandemic have caused severe economic problems. Unrest, meanwhile, has emerged across the

country as Americans protest racism and police brutality.

Trump's uneven handling of the crises has given Biden an opening, and he enters the fall campaign in strong position against the president. In adding Harris to the ticket, he can point to her relatively centrist record on issues such as health care and her background in law enforcement in the nation's largest state.

The president told reporters on Tuesday he was "a little surprised" that Biden picked Harris, pointing to their debate stage disputes during the primary. Trump, who has donated to her previous campaigns, argued she was "about the most liberal person in the U.S. Senate."

"I would have thought that Biden would have tried to stay away from that a little bit," he said.

# Opinion

## SPEAK UP

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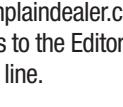
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## DAILY SCRIPTURE

And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

**Acts 20:32**

## No one should mess with the U.S. Postal Service

Just when Americans need it most, and with an unprecedented number of mail-in ballots expected this November, the U.S. Postal Service is under an assault that at this point can be considered little short of sabotage.

President Donald Trump appears intent on undermining mail-in balloting in any way possible, fearing it disadvantages his chance of re-election. He has attempted to draw an imaginary distinction between mail-in voting and absentee voting, sued Nevada for a law it passed that allows ballots to be mailed to all registered voters, and floated the idea of actually postponing the election. Now he has a new postmaster general whose first major action was to slow down mail delivery.

The Postal Service is an American institution that actually predates the country itself. It is in the Constitution, and its mandate is for reliable, timely delivery to all. It does not work just what would be the more profitable routes, as a private company might. It doesn't skip the sparsely populated corners of this country. Americans' reliance on the USPS has only grown during the pandemic. Housebound, they

have driven volume to Christmas levels, ordering all manner of necessities and niceties, including prescription medications.

With November looming, reports are popping up across the country of serious delays in mail delivery. In Baltimore, residents report going more than two weeks without delivery.

Those delays were at the order of Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, a Trump appointee confirmed by a Postal Service Board of Governors itself all appointed by Trump. He is the first postmaster general in decades not to have come from the Postal Service. A recent Washington Post report showed that he and his wife are heavily invested in competitors and contractors to the Postal Service. Despite the higher volume, DeJoy's move was to slash overtime, even if mail was left undelivered. There may well be ways to improve the USPS, but undermining its primary mission is not one of them.

Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., said in a recent TV interview that she and other senators, including Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, are pressing for answers and attempting to restore the cuts.

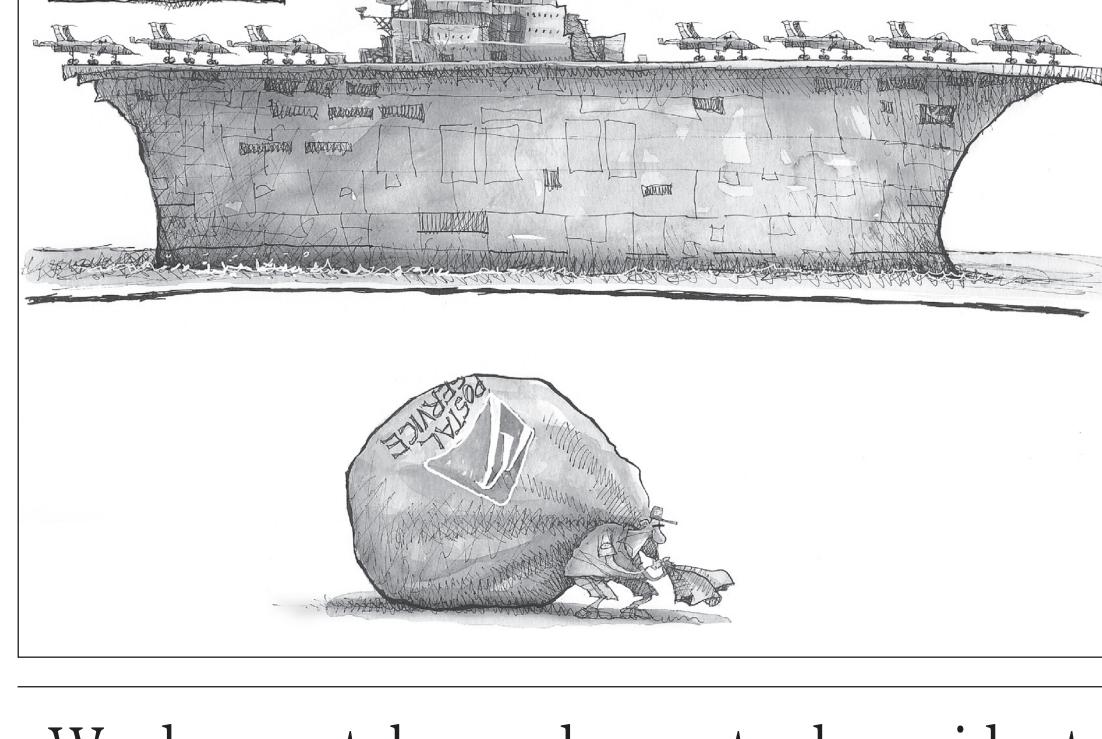
"Yes, it's about ballots, but it's also about lifesaving medication. If they mess with stuff like this they are literally going to mess with people's lives," she said. Some Republicans are joining the effort to reverse DeJoy's directive on delivery cutbacks. Rep. Greg Gianforte, R-Mont., said in a letter to DeJoy, "Delaying mail service is unacceptable. Do not continue down this road."

DeJoy said Friday that the Postal Service has "ample capacity" to handle election mail, but he said budget restraint is needed — the USPS lost \$2.2 billion in the quarter that ended in June — and he reshuffled his executive team to focus on "core business operations."

Mail carriers may be the original essential workers. Who else has a motto chiseled in stone that reads, "Neither rain nor snow nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds?"

More than 60 postal workers have died from COVID-19. Thousands more have been infected. It's time for us to have their backs. More than ever, they need us and we need them.

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## We desperately need an actual president

Let's face it: At this moment of overlapping national crises, the United States is without a functional commander in chief.

We have, instead, a troll in chief — an aggrieved and angry heckler, shouting and tweeting from the conspiracy-theory fringes like the old guy at the end of the bar at closing time.

And perhaps that's just as well.

On the occasions when President Trump actually tries to do his job, he tends to make any bad situation measurably worse.

Better that he be an observer than an actual actor, however unmoored from

reality his increasingly incoherent running commentary may be.

The nation is beset by the COVID-19 pandemic, unprecedented economic dislocation and historic social upheaval sparked by the Black Lives Matter movement following the killing of George Floyd — a trifecta of tumult that would challenge any president.

Trump is woefully overmatched. The realistic best-case scenario for the nation is that he rants and raves until Election Day, suffers a massive loss to former Vice President Joe Biden, and then spends the months until Inauguration Day noisily nursing his wounds. If that sounds unpleasant and even dangerous, consider the alternative. Imagine if Trump tried to perform his duties rather than script daily episodes of his imaginary "President Trump Reality Show."

Emergency federal unemployment assistance of \$600 a week has expired, with disastrous implications for millions of bereft workers and the economy as a whole. A real president would call congressional leaders of

both parties to the White House and hammer out a deal. Instead, Trump uses Twitter to blast "Do Nothing Democrats" (who have a unified position on new aid); says nothing about Republicans (who are hopelessly divided); and delegates negotiations to administration officials who themselves disagree about what to do.

That is insane. But recall what has happened on the rare times when Trump tried to forge bipartisan consensus: He always drives the parties further apart.

Counterintuitively, it is better if he just lets others grapple with the problem, even without coordination or leadership.

The COVID-19 pandemic has entered what Deborah Birx, Trump's task force coordinator, called a "new phase." Daily deaths have risen to levels not seen since May. The out-of-control surge in cases in the populous Sun Belt states may have peaked, but there are alarming increases in the Midwest and elsewhere.

The fundamental problem — unmistakable when U.S. numbers are compared with other industrialized countries — is that Trump refused to even consider a proper nationwide shutdown to drive infection rates to very low, manageable levels. This is why, for example, consumer spending in Germany has recovered to just 3 percent below normal levels while spending in the United States remains down 15 percent.

Trump's "solution" is a flood of nonsensical verbiage. He pretends — or, chillingly, may actually believe — that the tens of thousands of new COVID-19 cases reported daily would not exist if the country were not doing so much testing. He hectors governors and local officials to rapidly open all schools for in-person instruction, which would make a bad situation much worse. And he continues to tout

what is proven to be a quack treatment for the disease, citing the endorsement of a weirdo doctor who believes in "alien DNA" and "demon sperm."

Yes, the country desperately needs a national strategy to contain this horrible disease so we can safely reopen the economy.

But a strategy based on Trump's views would lead to unmitigated disaster and much more needless death. States, counties, cities, businesses and individuals — we're all basically on our own. And that, sadly, is better than the alternative.

All of this is happening as the nation grapples with systemic racism following the killing of Floyd. A competent president could help lead us through a process of recognition, reconciliation and healing. Trump, whose personal racism is by now firmly established, refuses even to acknowledge the problem.

Instead, in a desperate attempt to fire up his loyal base, he orders the use of shocking force against peaceful protesters near the White House, sends a federal goon squad to Portland, Ore., threatens other Democratic-run cities with similar invasions — and screams tweets "LAW & ORDER."

Again, we are on our own. Localities are reviewing, and changing, their policies governing the use of force by police. Corporations are pledging new commitment to diversity and inclusion; Major League Baseball teams are taking a knee. Polls show that "Black Lives Matter" is no longer just a slogan but a majority view.

We desperately need an actual president. I hope we have one in January. Until then, the lesser evil is that Trump spends his time

## History not yet repeated

Seventy-five years ago this past Sunday, three days after the first use of a nuclear weapon, the second occurred.

There has not been a third in the subsequent 27,394 days. One of humanity's remarkable achievements is this absence of something.

President Harry S. Truman, who ordered the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, did not learn about the existence of the Manhattan Project that developed the weapons until he became president upon the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt on April 12, 1945. The developers did not know until July 16, in the New Mexico desert, whether the weapon's physics would work.

Truman used the bombs to avoid invading Japan.

His decision, following the bitter-end Japanese fanaticism on Iwo Jima and Okinawa, was a moral and successful wager on economizing violence.

In the decision's immediate aftermath, however, little was known of the scale and nature of the violence, and for a while the U.S. government wanted to prevent knowledge. When reports said the Hiroshima bomb was equivalent to more than 20,000 tons of TNT, a young reporter stationed in Europe, named Walter Cronkite, assumed this was a typo, which he changed to 20 tons. "It was just the same as getting a bigger gun than the other fellow had to win a war," said Truman, adding, "Nothing else but an artillery weapon."

Except this one melted eyes in their sockets. Radiation sickness — the bomb's lethality long after detonation: uncontrollable vomiting, diarrhea, bleeding gums, wounds that would not heal, disappearing white blood cells, fevers reaching 106 degrees — had been denied, then minimized. Army Lt. Gen. Leslie Groves, head of the Manhattan Project, first dismissed Japanese reports of lethal radioactive effects as "pure propaganda," then told a Senate committee that radiation poisoning "is a very pleasant way to die." In May 1946, however, John Hersey arrived in Hiroshima.

One of his earlier New Yorker stories had concerned the sinking of a PT boat commanded by a young sailor named John F. Kennedy. Two years later, another story began:

"At exactly fifteen minutes past eight in the morning, on August 6, 1945, Japanese time, at the moment when the atomic bomb flashed above Hiroshima, Miss Toshiko Sasaki, a clerk in the personnel department of the East Asia Tin Works, had just sat down at her place in the plant office and was turning her head to speak to the girl at the next desk."

What followed was, Lesley M.M. Blume says, "one of the most important works of journalism ever created," 30,000 words that filled the entire Aug. 31 issue of the New Yorker and became the book "Hiroshima," which has not since been out of print. Blume's new book about the making of Hersey's essay, "Fallout: The Hiroshima Cover-up and the Reporter Who Revealed It to the World," argues that by defeating Gen. Douglas MacArthur's censorship regime in Japan, Hersey compelled Washington to surmount its reticence, born of queasiness, about the bombings. Even Groves registered few, if any, objections to the essay.

After the war had killed perhaps 60 million combatants and civilians, and after the Holocaust's industrialized murder, people experienced what Blume calls "atrocious exhaustion." Nevertheless, Hersey's unsparing journalism, Blume argues, made impossible any further discussion of the bomb as a conventional weapon, and his understated, matter-of-fact presentation of horrific facts facilitated the implementation of deterrence, which has been successful. So far.

Hersey could not, however, immunize his nation from some subsequent follies when nuclear weapons became entangled in interservice parochialism and rivalries. Fred Kaplan's jaw-dropping 2020 book "The Bomb: Presidents, Generals, and the Secret History of Nuclear War" reports that a Navy commander once minimized the military effectiveness of nuclear weapons — the Air Force had custody of them — by testifying "that you could stand at one end of Washington National Airport, set off an atom bomb on the other end, and walk away without serious injury." The Air Force, exuberantly multiplying potential Soviet targets to match the expanding U.S. nuclear arsenal, assigned 17 nuclear weapons to a Soviet base inside the Arctic Circle, where Soviet planes would land after bombing U.S. sites. U.S. nuclear weapons were allocated not just to Soviet tanks but also to the factory that produced them, the steel mill that supplied the factory, the ore-processing facility that supplied the mill, and the ore mine.

The human capacity for such lunacy suggests that people are too optimistic when they say that the vast majority of human beings who will ever live have not yet lived. If true, this will require an endless supply of the skill, leavened by luck, that has got humanity through its most recent 27,394 days.

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# Poolside overexposure gets disapproval of grandparents

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I are in our 60s and have a swimming pool that our kids and grandkids like to visit. Our issue is that our granddaughter wears a bathing suit that shows her bum. It isn't a thong, but close to it.

She's 16 and starting her junior year of high school this year. It makes my husband and me uncomfortable, and we have told my daughter as much. Is this one of those situations where we either accept it or don't allow her to swim with such a suit?

I love my granddaughter and will put up with the way it makes us feel if that is where the line is drawn, but it is hard for us to understand.

When she brings her friends, they dress the same way. What do you advise? — Uncomfortable Grandparents

**DEAR GRANDPARENTS:** Because you and your spouse are uncomfortable with the amount of exposure your granddaughter and her friends display when they come to swim, you have the right to tell them to wear something less revealing. It's your pool, and the bottom line is it's your privilege to set the rules. Be prepared, however, for your granddaughter to not want to use your pool as often in the future.

**DEAR ABBY:** My father is 87 and has stage 4 cancer. For years he has lied about being a hospital corpsman in the Navy during the Korean War. My parents live in a retirement community, and he talks about being in the war while wearing a Navy baseball cap. Dad was in the Naval Reserve (that we know of) but never saw combat.

Veterans' groups are always bringing him quilts, food, etc. My mom is horrified and doesn't know what to say when he goes on a rant about having been hit by shrapnel while pulling a fellow naval guy out of a burning building. He will pass away soon, and the veterans' groups will be giving Mom a flag he doesn't deserve. Mom doesn't know what to do. Should we just ignore the antics or say something? Please help. — Uncertain In Florida

**DEAR UNCERTAIN:** What your father has been doing is called "stolen valor" or "stolen honor," and it is seriously frowned upon by people who have actually earned it. It is a form of fraud. However, anyone who has served in the military and been honorably discharged is entitled to be given a flag when he or she is buried. It will be folded and presented to your mother.

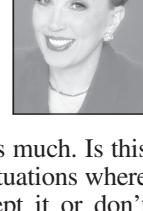
As to the gifts he is receiving from the veterans' groups, suggest that because your father is now so close to the end, they be given to other vets who can use them.

**DEAR ABBY:** I've been dating a very sweet girl for the last four months, and I'm starting to have serious feelings for her. My children really like her, but she sat me down the other night and told me she's transgender. I'm crushed, and I don't know what to do. This blows my mind; please give me any guidance. I care a lot about this person, and I just want to cry. — Crushed In The South

**DEAR CRUSHED:** You say you are starting to have serious feelings for this girl, who is not only sweet, but also HONEST. If you are worried what others might think if they find out she wasn't assigned female at birth, then she's not the girl for you. Because she has laid all her cards on the table, take this as an opportunity to have a series of frank conversations with her about what challenges might lie ahead for the both of you if this romance progresses.

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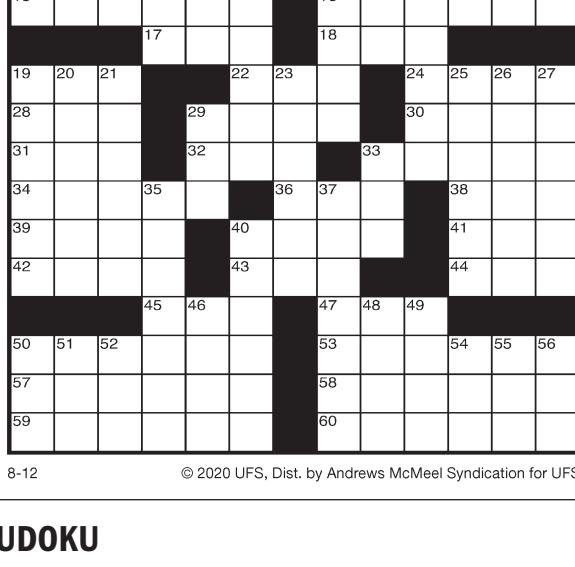
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**ACROSS**

- 1 Shows the way
- 7 Severe shortage
- 13 End a journey
- 14 Shark hitchhiker
- 15 Medusa's hair
- 16 Draw out
- 17 Space widths
- 18 Clean — whistle
- 19 Rd.
- 22 — be an honor
- 24 Slender wire nail
- 28 Bear's refuge
- 29 Constrictors
- 30 Cleanse
- 31 3-D scan
- 32 Ltd. cousin
- 33 Type of poem
- 34 Gold brick
- 36 Moon, in verse
- 38 Hearing aid?
- 39 Soft caps
- 40 Home to Iowa State University
- 41 Fem. saint
- 42 Bed support
- 43 Baby's seat
- 44 Golf peg
- 45 Computer term
- 47 — day now
- 50 Spotted tile
- 53 Canceled
- 57 Votes into office
- 58 Domain
- 59 Glowing, as embers (hyph.)
- 60 Teeter-totter
- DOWN
- 1 Cause of heartburn
- 2 Subject for Keats
- 3 401(k) cousin
- 4 Netherlands sight
- 5 Regular Conference part
- 6 Unusual
- 7 Afraid of
- 8 Fish without scales
- 9 In a pleasant manner
- 10 "Arabian Nights" bird
- 11 Prefix for dent
- 12 Cap
- 19 Permits to pass
- 20 Springlike
- 21 Riddle
- 23 Puget Sound port
- 25 Most unusual
- 26 Fly a plane
- 27 Command
- 29 Small amount
- 33 Many oz.
- 35 Largest bird
- 37 Fixes a road
- 40 Not quite
- 46 Not fooled
- 48 Iditarod terminus
- 49 Omigosh!
- 50 "The," to Wolfgang
- 51 Bravo, in Barcelona
- 52 Sz. option
- 54 Bad-mouth stat
- 55 Baseball stat
- 56 Flower droplet



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# Business

## She's the mother of a disabled child. She never got the promised \$500 aid under the Cares Act

It just doesn't make sense to Cheryl Brown.

Why, in the middle of a pandemic, would Congress agree to send \$500 to people with dependent children but fail to deliver money to her, a mother with a developmentally disabled child?

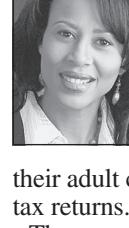
Brown, 53, is the single mother of 10-year-old Aiden. She lives in Cincinnati and receives \$1,568 in Supplemental Security Income to care for herself and her son. An extra \$500 would help offset the rising cost of food and having her son home all day, which has increased her monthly utility bill. But that check has not arrived.

Many other parents have complained that although they received their \$1,200 stimulus payment as part of the \$2 trillion Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (Cares) Act, they have not been sent the extra \$500 promised for each dependent child under 17.

And now Congress is poised to send a second round of stimulus payments. Brown doesn't trust that any of the dependent money will reach her this year.

Republicans and Democrats agree that more financial aid is needed for American families. This time around, the legislation is likely to expand the universe of dependents eligible for the extra \$500. Under the original Cares Act, the dependent payment was limited to children under 17. The new legislation, if passed, would provide an

**Michelle Singletary**



additional \$500 to tax payers with dependents of any age, including college students or elderly parents who are claimed by their adult children on their tax returns.

The expansion of this benefit to cover all dependents, especially disabled adults being cared for by their parents, was an oversight that needed correcting.

"We are those who have intellectually disabled adult children who live with us, primarily because of a shortage of places where they could live on their own or independently in a group home kind of situation," one Maryland father said in an email. "To find that we couldn't get any kind of dependent stimulus for our son simply because of his age just seemed wrong. We spend a lot out-of-pocket to raise him, keep him safe, keep him healthy, keep him happy. Just like a parent with a child under 18 does."

But for folks like Brown, there's still the issue of the first \$500 payment, the one promised in March.

"When I heard that more money may be coming, I just smirked," she said in an interview. "I'll believe it when I see it."

This is another stumble in a stimulus program that has been plagued with glitches. The IRS created an online

non-filers tool for Americans who earn too little to file a tax return but are eligible for a stimulus payment. For the most part, the online tool has worked for people who needed to let the IRS know they are eligible for stimulus funds. However, the portal hasn't worked out well for some people collecting federal benefits such as Social Security disability, Supplemental Security Income or Veterans Affairs benefits.

Although these federal beneficiaries receive automatic stimulus payments, those with dependent children under 17 have to use the non-filers tool to claim the \$500 payment.

Here's the problem. Many of these people didn't know they had to use the non-filers tool. Others missed an arbitrary deadline the IRS set for them to claim the \$500 payment on top of the \$1,200 allotted to every taxpayer of low or moderate-income. Stimulus payments were sent either by check, direct deposit or an economic-impact debit card.

Brown says she met the deadline to submit information about her son, but she still hasn't received the extra \$500. She shared with me an email she sent in May to Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin.

"I need to express my frustration and anger," Brown wrote to Mnuchin, telling him she represents "thousands of families who have been put on the back

burner for the emergency stimulus funding. ... Our families are the ones that need it the most!! We are kept at the poverty level to maintain Medicaid for our children's health benefits. We are being told NEXT year when filing [for] 2020 we can claim [the \$500]. I'm writing you this to bring to the President's attention how wrong this is. Please help out families who truly deserve help now just like every other American citizen."

Several parents living in Philadelphia filed a lawsuit this month against the Treasury Department and the IRS. The suit challenges the agencies on setting a deadline for taxpayers who used the online non-filer tool, and their decision not to send payments to those who missed it. The agency says the parents will have to wait until next year to get the money when they file a 2020 tax return.

If more economic impact payments are coming, Treasury and the IRS need to make sure the most economically vulnerable get every dollar promised in the legislation.

"I don't have entitlement issues," Brown said of the financial aid. "I just honestly could use it. People look at you when you receive federal benefits and think you are just living off the government. It's demeaning. I would love to work, but I'm at the hospital a lot with my son. There's no extra for anything."

## The Taxpayer Advocate Service will help the IRS fix stimulus payment glitches

By MICHELLE SINGLETARY

With Congress still debating future financial aid to individuals sidelined by COVID-19, it's vital that the Internal Revenue Service finish delivering the stimulus payments that were already promised.

As of July 17, the IRS has distributed just over 159.2 million economic impact payments under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (Cares) Act. The measure provides up to \$1,200 for individuals, \$2,400 for couples, and an extra \$500 for each dependent child under the age of 17.

It's been a daunting job to deliver so much money in just a few months. The IRS had to shut down offices because of the pandemic. While most employees have since returned to work, they are battling a backlog of returns and refunds for the 2020 tax season while still rushing to distribute stimulus funds.

Overwhelmed, the agency turned to its Taxpayer Advocate Service (TAS), an independent organization within the IRS, to assist people in resolving certain issues related to their stimulus payments.

"Although the IRS accurately delivered these payments to the overwhelming majority of eligible individuals, millions still have not received some or all of the amounts Congress authorized, and many desperately need the money," said Erin Collins, National Taxpayer

Advocate.

Starting Aug. 10, TAS began providing an assist to the IRS to correct stimulus or economic impact payments (EIPs) under five specific situations. Here's the list of scenarios:

■ Dependent payments. The IRS created a non-filers tool so that eligible individuals who had not filed a tax return in 2018 or 2019 could get a stimulus payment. Many parents have reported that they received their \$1,200 but did not get the extra \$500 for each child, or they received money for one child but not for another. The U.S. Government Accountability Office said in a report in June that some 465,000 stimulus payments from April 10 to May 17 did not include the \$500 for qualifying children. The IRS Commissioner Charles Rettig later revised the figure down to 365,000. "These payments are already in process to be issued by direct deposit or mail and should be received in August," said TAS spokesman Kenneth Drexler. "We are hopeful that these payments will be made without any problems, but if problems arise, TAS will be able to assist." In a much-criticized decision, the IRS issued a special alert on April 20 on its website giving individuals – Social Security retirement, survivor, disability, or Railroad Retirement beneficiaries – around 48 hours to claim their \$500 payments. If they missed the very short window, they have to wait until 2021 to get the money. A

similarly tight deadline, May 5, was set for people who receive Supplemental Security Income or Veterans Affairs benefits. Unfortunately, the assistance from TAS doesn't extend to any of the federal benefit recipients who missed the deadlines to enter information about their dependent children. "Since the IRS has figured out a way to issue supplemental dependent EIPs to the benefit recipients who used the portal, why can't they let the ones who missed the short deadline enter their info now, and apply the same matching algorithm to get supplemental payments to them?" asked former taxpayer advocate Nina Olson, who is now executive director of the Center for Taxpayer Rights.

■ Injured spouses. The Cares Act allows an "offset," or the withholding of stimulus funds, for individuals who owe back child support. Individuals can file IRS Form 8379 to seek an "Injured Spouse Allocation" – in this case, to avoid having their half of an economic impact payment withheld. But the IRS mistakenly offset stimulus payments to people who filed that form.

■ Return math errors. Individuals whose economic impact payment (EIP) was based on a 2018 or 2019 tax return that contained bad math, resulting in a lower stimulus payment, will get assistance.

■ Identity theft victims. Victims of identity theft who did not receive an EIP, or who received the wrong amount, will get help.

■ Surviving spouses or spouses of an incarcerated individual. The IRS issued stimulus checks to the incarcerated and some \$1.4 billion in payments to people who had died since the beginning of 2018. In response to criticism, Treasury decided such payments had to be returned. However, spouses of the deceased or incarcerated may still be entitled to their portion of the stimulus money. In cases where a spouse's payment was not issued, returned, or canceled, TAS will work to get the EIP issued to the surviving or non-incarcerated spouse.

In the coming week, TAS, which can be reached at 877-777-4778, will provide more details about taxpayers with EIP issues who might qualify for assistance, Collins said in a blog post.

As helpful as this effort should be for folks who fall into the five categories, it's inexcusable for our government to leave out so many other people at a time when they need help the most.

Readers can write to Michelle Singletary c/o The Washington Post, 1301 K St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20071. Her email address is michelle.singletary@washpost.com. Follow her on Twitter (@SingletaryM) or Facebook (www.facebook.com/Michelle.Singletary). Comments and questions are welcome, but due to the volume of mail, personal responses may not be possible. Please also note comments or questions may be used in a future column, with the writer's name, unless a specific request to do otherwise is indicated.

## Do just one thing

Yes, ice can go bad. It is technically a food, and like most foods, over time ice can harbor everything from bacteria to viruses that can cause illness, according to the International Packaged Ice Association. Bacteria like salmonella and E. coli can live in ice, because freezing does not kill these contaminants. Ice that's left in the freezer for a long time can harbor odors, too.

**Danny Seo**



Keep fresh ice in your freezer, and turn off the ice maker when you don't need it (you'll save water and energy with the flip of a switch). And dispose of old ice outdoors, where it can melt and water plants.

## Newsweek recognizes Parkview Regional Medical Center

### 2020 list of Best Maternity Care Hospitals released

#### STAFF REPORT

Parkview Regional Medical Center has been named to Newsweek's 2020 list of Best Maternity Care Hospitals, according to Tami Brigle, public relations manager.

The distinction recognizes facilities that have excelled in providing care to mothers, newborns and their families, as verified by the 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Survey.

Hospitals named as a Best Maternity Care Hospital have fully met The Leapfrog Group's standards for maternity care on ev-

idence-based, nationally standardized metrics. This includes lower rates of early elective delivery, C-section and episiotomy, as well as compliance with process measures including newborn bilirubin screening before discharge and blood clot prevention techniques for mothers delivering via C-section.

Best Maternity Care Hospitals is part of Newsweek's Best Health Care series, powered by data from The Leapfrog Group.

Parkview Regional Medical Center was one of fewer than 250 hospitals to receive the accolade.

For more information, visit <https://www.newsweek.com/best-maternity-care-hospitals-2020>.

## Parkview Health receives \$772K grant for suicide prevention

Research shows pandemic impacting region's mental health

#### STAFF REPORT

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has awarded Parkview Health a \$772,000 grant for the creation of a regional suicide prevention program, according to Tami Brigle, public relations manager.

"The award comes at a critical time, as research shows the pandemic is hurting the mental health of northeast Indiana residents," said Brigle.

The grant will be used to hire a project coordinator and four Suicide Obviation and Support (SOS) navigators, who will be embedded in hospital emergency departments and connected to resources within the Parkview Behavioral Health Institute, as well as domestic violence organizations and emergency shelters.

The SOS navigators will provide "at-elbow" support for suicidal crisis and domestic violence victims, coordinating care and referrals to treatment programs, support services and community resources.

The team will also conduct suicide prevention training for healthcare providers and community organizations throughout the region. The same navigator model has been successfully implemented with peer recovery coaches in Parkview's Medication Assisted Treatment program for opiate or substance use disorder.

According to data from the

"The award comes at a critical time, as research shows the pandemic is hurting the mental health of northeast Indiana residents"

**TAMI BRIGLE**  
Public Relations Manager

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, Indiana's suicide rate has been on a steep upward trend, increasing from 13.5 suicide deaths per 100,000 people in 2012 to 16.9 in 2019. This rate is higher than the national increase (12.4 to 14.5) in the same period.

Additionally, the Informatics Team at the Parkview Mirro Center for Research & Innovation recently conducted two community surveys to examine the impact of COVID-19 on various aspects of physical and mental health. The surveys revealed that pandemic-related sanctions are hurting mental health for respondents (55 percent) and their families (38 percent).

The SOS navigator program will cover eight northeast Indiana counties: Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Wabash and Whitley. It is expected to begin within the next three months.

To be connected to mental health resources anytime, 24 hours a day, call the Parkview Behavioral Health HelpLine at 260-373-7500 or 800-284-8439, or call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255.



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Parkview Wabash Hospital welcomes pediatrician Rafael Nunez Alvarado, MD, to the community

## Parkview Wabash Hospital welcomes new pediatrician

Rafael Nunez

Alvarado, MD

comes to Wabash

from New York City

#### STAFF REPORT

Parkview Wabash Hospital

welcomes pediatrician

Rafael Nunez Alvarado,

media and community relations specialist.

Nunez comes to Wabash from New York City, where he has been the assistant chief resident in the Pediatrics Department of Metropolitan Hospital Center since 2018.

"While living in New York has been an adventure, Nunez says he prefers the pace of life in smaller communities," said Megison.

Nunez received his Doc-

tor of Medicine, magna cum laude, from the Universidad Autonoma de Santodomingo, in the Dominican Republic, in 2012. In addition to having been an American Academy of Pediatrics program delegate in 2018 and 2019, he also holds Advanced Trauma

Life Support (ATLS) certification from the American College of Surgeons, and Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS) and Basic

Life Support (BLS) certifi-

cations from the American Heart Association.

While he grew up in the Dominican Republic, he is now a permanent U.S. resident. He is fluent in both English and Spanish.

In his spare time, Nunez enjoys outdoor and fitness activities, including biking, yoga and lifting weights.

He also admits to enjoying the thrill of haunted houses and scary movies.

Nunez is currently wel-

coming new patients age newborn to 18.

"He provides expert care for youngsters both in the hospital setting and at his office, located in the Medical Office Building, 8 John Kissinger Drive, adjoining Parkview Wabash Hospi-

tal," said Megison.

Appointments are now available.

For more information, call 260-563-7421.

# Education

## Burnett named Wabash County YMCA director of youth development

Marion native completed her student teaching at the Area 5 Head Start

### STAFF REPORT

The Wabash County YMCA announced a new director of youth development in December 2019, according to Dean Gogolewski, CEO.

Brittany Burnett is a native of Marion and completed her student teaching at the Area 5 Head Start.

Burnett has a bachelor's degree in early childhood



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**Brittany Burnett is a native of Marion and completed her student teaching at the Area 5 Head Start.**

education and a master's

degree in elementary education, both from Ball State University. She has taught children with diverse backgrounds and will use that skill and experience in pursuit of the YMCA's mission to provide opportunities for youth in Wabash County to learn, grow and thrive regardless of income or background.

Gogolewski said the Y's extensive youth development programs and partnerships with the schools were the reasons for choosing Burnett for this position.

For more information, visit [wabashcountyyymca.org](http://wabashcountyyymca.org) or call 260-563-9622.

## Karst named Wabash County YMCA director of marketing and special projects

The role will include leading Wabash County Promise and Togetherness, among others

### STAFF REPORT

The Wabash County YMCA has named Tyler Karst as director of marketing and special projects, according to Dean Gogolewski, CEO.

Karst will take the lead role



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**The Wabash County YMCA has named Tyler Karst as director of marketing and special projects.**

in marketing and communications for the Y, lead special projects like the Wabash County Promise and Togetherness plus co-lead special events, and maintain collaborative relationships with community organizations.

"We are excited to have Tyler join the Y team," said Gogolewski. "He's been a great community advocate in his previous roles in Wabash, and we look forward to his continued time at the Y."

For more information, visit [wabashcountyyymca.org](http://wabashcountyyymca.org) or call 260-563-9622.

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## Manchester eSports joins Great Lakes conference

University will compete in GLEC 'League of Legends' and 'Rocket League' play

### By ANNE GREGORY

Manchester University has joined the Great Lakes Esports Conference (GLEC). This adds inter-collegiate games for students and further develops the growing program.

"It gives our players another chance for competition," said eSports Director Jim Manis. In its first season of competition, the Spartans were in one major conference, the National Association of Collegiate Esports (NACE). With NACE, players had maybe one competition a week.

"This will provide one to two more games a week for students," Manis said. "It's about expanding their op-

portunities."

Manchester will compete in GLEC "League of Legends" and "Rocket League" play.

Indiana and Ohio schools in the conference are Bethel University, Defiance College, Lourdes University, Marietta College, University of Mount Union, Mount Vernon Nazarene University, Muskingum University, Ohio Northern University, Tiffin University and Trine University.

Conference play begins Sept. 12 and will end no later than Nov. 15, Manis said.

Manchester has taken COVID-19 precautions in its eSports arena: spreading out players, limiting the total capacity of the arena,

scheduling times for extra cleaning and adding Plexiglas shields between stations. Manchester requires masks in all common areas.

At Manchester, scholarships are available for "League of Legends," "Rocket League" and "Super Smash Bros." Registration for varsity-level teams begin later in August. Updates can be found at @MU\_esport on Twitter.

Manchester began inter-collegiate eSports competition for men and women in the spring of 2020. The University also offers the Manchester Gaming Society, which brings eSports enthusiasts together for both casual and competitive play.

Anne Gregory is the assistant director of media relations in the Office of Strategic Communications at Manchester University.

## Taylor Peterson participates in UF's Symposium for Scholarship & Creativity

Lagro native one of the featured speakers

### STAFF REPORT

Taylor Peterson, of Lagro, recently participated in the University of Findlay's annual Symposium for Scholarship and Creativity.

activity. Peterson presented "CRISPR-Cas9 as a Treatment for HIV."

Undergraduate and graduate students were given the opportunity to virtually share their research, creativity, and

professional learning experiences with the University and community, with many students receiving honors at the same time.

The symposium may be viewed at <https://www.findlay.edu/offices/academic/scholarship-symposium/>.

## Big Ten, Pac-12 cancel football

NEW YORK (AP) — A

crumbling college football season took a massive hit Tuesday when the Big Ten and Pac-12, two historic and powerful conferences, succumbed to the pandemic and canceled their fall football seasons.

Five months almost to the day after the first spikes in coronavirus cases in the U.S. led to the cancellation of the NCAA basketball tournaments, the still raging pandemic is tearing down another American sports institution: fall Saturdays filled with college football.

"This was an extremely difficult and painful decision that we know will have important impacts on our student-athletes, coaches, administrators and our fans," Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott said. "We know nothing will ease that."

Despite pleas from players, coaches and President Donald Trump in recent days to play on, 40 percent of major college football teams have now decided to punt on a fall season, a decision that will cost schools tens of millions of dollars and upends traditions dating back a century.

Both conferences cited the risk of trying to keep players from contracting and spreading the coronavirus.

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Pictured from left to right are Maverick Lowe, Shirley Price and Barb Parkhurst.

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## ISDH adds seven local COVID-19 cases since Saturday; total now 170

The state still reports three local deaths, and now reports 3,362 tests

### STAFF REPORT

Since Saturday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) has added another seven local positive COVID-19 tests, bringing Wabash County's total to 170.

The state still reports three local deaths.

On Saturday, the ISDH reported two additional local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 165, with 3,266 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating as of Saturday, Aug. 1 was 4 percent.

On Sunday, the ISDH reported four additional local positive COVID-19 cases, bringing Wabash County's total to 169, with 3,315 tests. The local seven-day positivity rating as of Sunday, Aug. 2 was 6 percent.

On Monday, the ISDH reported another local positive COVID-19, bringing Wabash County's total to 170, with 3,341 tests. The local seven-day positivity rate as of Monday, Aug. 3 was 6 percent.

On Tuesday, the ISDH reported 3,362 local tests. The local seven-day positivity rate as of Tuesday, Aug. 4 was 5.6 percent.

Statewide on Tuesday, the ISDH announced that 884 additional Hoosiers have been

diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 75,862 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's dashboard, according to Megan Wade-Taxter, media relations coordinator.

A total of 2,863 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 25 over the previous day. Another 206 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record. Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

As of Tuesday, nearly 37 percent of ICU beds and nearly 82 percent of ventilators are available across the state.

To date, 861,655 tests for unique individuals have been reported to ISDH, up from 852,111 Monday.

ISDH will host four free testing sites through Saturday. Locations include:

Goshen: Team Rehabilitation, 223 Chicago Ave.

Elkhart: Northside Gymnasium, 300 Lawrence St.

Hammond: Oliver P. Morton High School, 6915 Grand Ave.

Marion: Grant County 4-H Fairgrounds, 1403 Indiana 18

To find additional testing sites around the state, visit [www.coronavirus.in.gov](http://www.coronavirus.in.gov) and click on the COVID-19 testing information link.

## Judge reschedules Okie Pinokie trial for January

By JARED KEEVER

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Renae Morris to steal drugs from him.

Morris, of Jonesboro, who was 18 at the time of Smith's death, is charged with felony murder, robbery resulting in serious bodily injury and theft.

She is scheduled to go to trial in November.

Spahr, in December, joined Cain's and Kean's cases when he granted a motion filed a month earlier by Miami County Prosecutor Jeffrey Sinkovics.

In the motion, Sinkovics argued that because both Kean and Cain are charged with "committing criminal acts against the same victim, at the same time, and at the same location" and because the same witnesses will be called and the same evidence presented, prosecutors have a right to join the cases.

"Additionally, joinder would alleviate the need for two separate trials and would provide for judicial economy, and save considerable money for the county," he wrote.

Court records show that Spahr found "that it is both appropriate and in the interest of judicial economy" to join the two cases.

## Indianapolis warns fines coming for rules violations

By TOM DAVIES

Associated Press

Mayor Joe Hogsett said several businesses flouted the city's rules on crowd sizes, distancing and face masks over the weekend. In one instance, the Indianapolis Speedrome race track on the city's east side was issued a \$1,000 fine for exceeding the 25 percent capacity limit with crowded stands for its Saturday night races.

"The time for warnings is over," Hogsett said. "The sight of spectators at a venue packing the stands without masks is beyond discouraging."

### Indianapolis response

Bars and nightclubs will remain closed in the state's largest city as Marion County Health Department Director Dr. Virginia Caine said those ages 20-29 represented fastest-growing age group for new COVID-19 infections during July.

Face masks have been required in all indoor public places in Indianapolis since July 9 and most restaurants are limited to half capacity for diners.

Health department inspectors will begin issuing \$1,000 fines against violators, Caine said.

## Laketon ALA Unit No. 402 holds August meeting

The next district meeting is set for Tuesday, Aug. 18 in North Manchester

### STAFF REPORT

The Laketon American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Unit No. 402 met for its August meeting earlier this month, according to Tina Mengerink.

Barb Parkhurst-Department, children and youth chairman, and Shirley Price presented Maverick Lowe with the National Youth Hero Award including a certificate, medal and 100th-anniversary coin from the unit. He was nominated by the unit for the award which went from unit to district, to the department to national headquarters.

"Maverick is a remarkable young man with a heart of gold who is very deserving of this honor," said Mengerink.

Pastor David Cox thanked the auxiliary for all they do for the community and Laketon Wesleyan Church. He also announced from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 15 in the church parking lot at 85 E. Lake St., Laketon, they will be having a family fest with food, games, entertainment and giving out school backpacks.

Roxy Stoner, department chaplain, presented the unit's

2019-2020 100 percent membership ribbon to Thelma Butler, current unit president.

Butler reported that this year is a carry over of 2019-2020 but with a few changes necessary to Laketon Unit.

"The national, department and district thought it best because of the year being cut short by six months due to the COVID-19 pandemic," said Mengerink.

The group is planning a carrousel fish fry on Sept. 4 in the Neighborhood Fresh parking lot in North Manchester.

Poppy Chairman, Miriam Linkenhoker reported the group will be having poppy days over Labor Day weekend with restrictions "to keep everyone safe."

Stoner went into some detail about what she and the other volunteers do for veterans at the Marion VA Medical Center.

"There are 160 to 180 permanent residents there who get very few visitors. The volunteers provide snacks, gifts, entertainment and play bingo with the veterans. Everyone wins a prize," said Mengerink.

The next district meeting is set for Tuesday, Aug. 18 in North Manchester.

"Thelma and Miriam did a beautiful charter draping ceremony for Hazel (King) Butler-Gloe, recently passed Unit 402 member," said Men-



Pictured from left to right are Roxy Stoner and Thelma Butler.

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Photo 1 from left to right, Maverick Lowe, Shirley Price, Barb Parkhurst.

## Powerful storm leaves 2 dead, heavy crop damage in Midwest

By RYAN J. FOLEY and JOSH FUNK

Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Hundreds of thousands across the Midwest remained without electricity on Tuesday after a powerful storm packing 100 mph winds battered the region a day earlier, causing widespread damage to millions of acres of crops and killing at least two people.

The storm known as a derecho tore from eastern Nebraska across Iowa and parts of Wisconsin and Illinois, blowing over trees, flipping vehicles and causing widespread damage to property and crops. The storm left downed trees and power lines that blocked roadways in Chicago and its suburbs. After leaving Chicago, the most potent part of the storm system moved over north central Indiana.

In Iowa, Gov. Kim Reynolds said early estimates indicate 10 million acres have been damaged in the nation's top corn producing state and many grain bins were destroyed. That would be nearly a third of the roughly 31 million acres (12.5 million hectares) of

land farmed in the state. The most significant damage is to the corn crop, which is in the advanced stages of development nearly a month away from the beginning of harvest.

"This morning I had a farmer reach out to me to say this was the worst wind damage to crops and farm buildings that he has ever seen across the state in such a wide area," Reynolds said.

Satellite imagery shows extensive crop damage through about one-third of the center of the state from east to west.

"It's incredibly devastating to see what's happening to crops, and to structures all across the storm path," Iowa Agriculture Secretary Mike Naig said.

Naig said tens of millions of bushels worth of commercial grain storage and millions of bushels of on-farm grain storage has been damaged or destroyed.

Roger Zylstra, who has farmed in central Iowa near Kellogg since 1980, said that four of his hog barns lost their roofs, two of his machine sheds suffered significant damage and many of his corn acres were destroyed.

Zylstra, 69, said crop insur-

ance will help, but that the financial hit will be devastating for many farmers.

"The question remains for all of us is, what happens in the next five or six weeks?"

How much can we salvage out of these fields?" Zylstra said. "I know that some people won't survive this. But there's a fair number of people that will figure out how to hang in there, and we'll keep doing what we do."

The high winds continued to damage crops as the storm swept into northwestern Illinois but the wind had weakened somewhat by that point. Information about the severity of the damage was still being gathered Tuesday, said Andrea Casali, a spokeswoman for the Illinois Farm Bureau.

In Fort Wayne, Indiana, Isabel E. Atencio died at a hospital after firefighters pulled her from debris inside her mobile home after high winds rolled it onto its side Monday night, officials said. Firefighters found the 73-year-old woman under debris inside her toppled trailer and discovered that she was clutching a 5-year-old boy believed to be her grandson, said Adam O'Connor.

The National Weather Service said the storm also spawned a tornado in northern Illinois near the Wisconsin state line that damaged buildings and trees in both states.

nor, deputy chief of the Fort Wayne Fire Department. The boy had minor injuries.

"It's awful. I was thinking about that all last night," O'Connor said.

A derecho is not quite a hurricane. It has no eye, and its winds come across in a line. But the damage it is likely to do spread over such a large area is more like an inland hurricane than a quick more powerful tornado, according to Patrick Marsh, science support chief at the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma.

The storm began as separate thunderstorms in South Dakota before strengthening over Iowa. It held together for 770 miles over 14 hours before losing strength as it entered Western Ohio, Iowa State Climatologist Justin Glisan said. By the time the system reached Des Moines, wind gusts were clocked at more than 100 mph Glisan said.

The National Weather Service said the storm also spawned a tornado in northern Illinois near the Wisconsin state line that damaged buildings and trees in both states.

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis businesses not following the city's coronavirus restrictions will face a greater chance of fines as officials said Tuesday that they will ramp up enforcement.

State health officials added 25 more COVID-19 fatalities to Indiana's death toll as the state's average number of newly recorded coronavirus infections continued its recent growth.

### Indianapolis response

Bars and nightclubs will remain closed in the state's largest city as Marion County Health Department Director Dr. Virginia Caine said those ages 20-29 represented fastest-growing age group for new COVID-19 infections during July.

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**Adult Corrections Officers Juvenile Detention**

**Legals****WABASH COUNTY PLAN COMMISSION****WABASH COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS****NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given of a public hearing before the Wabash County Board of Zoning Appeals on the 25th day of AUGUST, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the office of the Wabash County Plan Commission, top floor the Wabash County Court House, Wabash, Indiana. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the application of JASON PETERSON for SPECIAL EXCEPTION #10 TO CONSTRUCT A LAKE, POND, EARTHEN STRUCTURE GREATER THAN 100 SQ FT IN A RESIDENTIAL ZONE. WITH A VARIANCE FROM: THE ADJOINING PROPERTY LINE SETBACK FOR A POND. The geographical area affected by the changes requested is generally described as: PART OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 28N, RANGE 7E, LAGRO TOWNSHIP, WABASH COUNTY, 7.37 ACRES

A copy of the proposal is now on file in the office of the Wabash County Plan Commission and is available for public examination. Any written objections that are filed with the secretary of the Wabash County Plan Commission prior to the hearing will be considered and, at the hearing, the Wabash County Plan Commission will consider any additional comments concerning the application. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.

NOTICE: Indiana Code 36-7-4-920 forbids any person from communicating with a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals before the hearing with the intent to influence a member's action on a matter pending before the Board.

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Limited seating available. Register by calling Upper Wabash Interpretive Services at 260-468-2127. For more information, visit [dnr.IN.gov/uwis](http://dnr.IN.gov/uwis) or [facebook.com/upperwabash](http://facebook.com/upperwabash).

**City Council to hold special budget meeting Wednesday**

The meeting has been set to start at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Wabash City Hall, where council members will review the 2021 budget with department heads. Department meeting times include:

5 p.m. – Jim Straws, Building Department commissioner  
5:30 p.m. – Barry Stroup, Fire Department chief  
6 p.m. – Bob Gray, Wastewater Department superintendent  
6:30 p.m. – Matt Bruss, Police Department chief

7 p.m. – Adam Hall, Parks Department superintendent  
7:30 p.m. – Scott Richardson, Street Department superintendent

8 p.m. – Tim Roberts, City Court judge

**Red Cross schedules blood donation opportunity for Wednesday**

The American Red Cross has scheduled a local blood donation opportunity from 2 to 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12 at the Urbana Yoke Parish Community Center, 16 E. Half St., Urbana.

**Second Harvest to split weekly distributions between two locations in August**

Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana will be splitting its weekly food distribution tailgate events between two locations in August: 1 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19 at the Manchester Church of the Brethren, 1306 Beckley St., North Manchester; and 11 a.m. Wednesdays Aug. 12 and 26 at the Bachelor Creek Church of Christ, 2147 Indiana 15. No IDs, proof of address or need will be required, and all will be welcome. Distribution is while supplies last. We are request-

ing that attendees only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit [www.CureHunger.org](http://www.CureHunger.org). For more information on donating, visit [curehunger.org/get-involved-donate](http://curehunger.org/get-involved-donate).

**Clark Gallery to feature 2020-themed art exhibit**

The Clark Gallery in the Honeywell Center will host its 2020 Themed Art Competition titled "Dreams" through Sunday, Aug. 16. Accepted and featured entries can be picked up after the exhibit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17. For more information, visit [HoneywellCenter.org/dreams](http://HoneywellCenter.org/dreams).

**Clark Gallery to host 2020 photography show**

The Honeywell Center Clark Gallery will be the site of the 2020 Photography Show sponsored by Harmon Photography from Wednesday, Aug. 19 to Wednesday, Sept. 23. For the 2020 Photography Show, a photographer may enter up to three pieces. Categories include black and white, color, and altered images. To review the 2020 Photography Show guidelines and complete the entry forms, visit [HoneywellCenter.org/photo-show](http://HoneywellCenter.org/photo-show). Early entries can be made by appointment only by contacting Michele Hughes by email at [clarkgallery@honeywellfoundation.org](mailto:clarkgallery@honeywellfoundation.org) or by calling 260-274-1411.

**School board filings begin**

The deadline for petitions to be submitted to Lori Draper, Wabash County clerk, is noon, Friday, Aug. 21.

MSD seats up for election include: One or two from the South district may be elected. One from Northeast and one from the Northwest district may be elected for a total of three seats. MSD requires 12 valid signatures, and they must be signed by a registered voter within the district the candidate is running.

MCS seats up for election include: One member is elected from each district. The dis-

tricts are Chester 1 and 2, Pleasant Township and the town of North Manchester. MCS requires 10 signatures, and they must be signed by any registered voter residing in the MCS district.

**'Liking for Biking' riding series takes to the road for the fourth year**

Through Aug. 28, anyone who is interested in a "free, family-friendly" 60-minute bike ride is invited to meet at Paradise Spring Historical Park's upper pavilion at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday. Volunteers from the Spikes and Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a "fun and engaging atmosphere." Those interested in participating or volunteering for the ride can get more information by going online to [www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series](http://www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series) or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

**The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association begins play**

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association has begun play. This year, most Tuesdays will be a scramble event. Newcomers are welcome and there is a \$10 membership fee to cover various expenses. Call the clubhouse at 260-563-8663 by 9 a.m. Monday before to register.

**Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market season open Saturdays through Sept. 26**

The Downtown Wabash Farmers' Market is set from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the Honeywell Center and Wabash Elk's Parking Lot, located corner of Cass and Market streets. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. Guests can expect to see a Limited Market Model in response to COVID-19. Some of the precautions include one entrance to the market at the northeast corner, a limited number of shoppers, social distancing at least 6 feet, masks and gloves recommended and a sanitizer station

provided. Masks and gloves are recommended to be worn by shoppers. There is construction on Cass Street. Alternate routes on Carroll and Market Streets are available. Vendors are still being accepted for the full season, half-season and one-time rates. For more information, call 260-563-0975.

**Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management announced as 2020 Business of the Year**

Grow Wabash County has announced that Halderman Real Estate and Farm Management has been selected as the 2020 Business of the Year. Halderman will be celebrated for this achievement from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Honeywell Center during Grow Wabash County's Annual Dinner Celebration. Registration is now open for tickets and sponsorships. For more information, email [marketing@growwabashcounty.com](mailto:marketing@growwabashcounty.com) or call 260-563-5258.

**Manchester Univ. moves 2020 Commencement to October**

The dates for ceremonies at the North Manchester campus are Saturday, Oct. 17, Pharmacy Hooding Ceremony and Graduate and Professional Commencement (Doctorate in Pharmacy, Master of Athletic Training and Master of Pharmacogenomics) at the Cordier Auditorium; and Sunday, Oct. 18, Undergraduate and Master of Accountancy Commencement at the Physical Education and Recreation Center (PERC).

**Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed**

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to re-open on Sunday, Nov. 15.

**East Indiana school district quarantines 228 students**

MUNCIE (AP) — An eastern Indiana school district has sent 228 students home to quarantine to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in what appeared to be the largest isolating case among state schools amid the coronavirus outbreak.

The Delaware Community Schools took action after a football player at Delta High School tested positive for the virus several days ago. The school district is aware of only that one case, The Star Press reported Tuesday.

"However, after yesterday, we know of a few students who are in the testing process, are experiencing many of the COVID-19 symptoms, and may have direct connections to our positive case," Superintendent Reece Mann told the newspaper.

It's the largest student quarantine in the state reported so far, topping the roughly 48 students affected in the Lanesville Community Schools in southern Indiana's Harrison County.

The Delaware Community Schools quarantine affected 153 students at Delta High School, 68 at Delta Middle School and seven others at two elementary schools. The district has about 2,600 students.

"Unfortunately, we are in a situation where parents seem to be sending their child/children to school even when they are symptomatic or possibly even when they, as parents, have been tested and are awaiting the results, later to find out they are positive," Mann said in an email.

Mary Burkholder, who has three children in the Del-Com school system, said she was surprised and worried after receiving an automated call Monday night from the superintendent informing her that her daughter was chosen to quarantine for 14 days.

"They need to shut down and go to eLearning if they can't keep our kids safe only three days in," Burkholder told The Star Press.

Classes started last Thursday.

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